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SUBJ: JAPANESE OIL CONSERVATION GOALS

REF: A. TOKYO 15804

B. TOKYO 16489

1. DIRECTOR OF MITI TASK FORCE ON PETROLEUM STOCKPILING
YUJI YAMAMOTO TOLD EMBOFF DECEMBER 23 THAT CABINET LEVEL
"HEADQUARTERS FOR CONSERVATION OF ENERGY" WILL MEET DEC
24 AND GIVE FORMAL APPROVAL TO 150,000 B/D OIL CONSERVA-
TION GOAL (REF B). OIL IMPORT TARGET FOR JAPANESE FY 1975
OF ABOUT 290 MILLION KILOLITERS (FIVE MILLION B/D) RE-
PRESENTS THREE PERCENT REDUCTION IN CURRENTLY PROJECTED
300 MILLION KILOLITER IMPORT LEVEL. TARGET BASED ON ANNUAL
GNP GROWTH OF SLIGHTLY MORE THAN FOUR PERCENT AND ASSUMES
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1.2 RATIO BETWEEN OIL CONSUMPTION AND GNP GROWTH.

2. BOTH YAMANMOTO AND, IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH E/C COUNSELOR, ENERGY AGENCY DIRECTOR OF COORDINATION HIRABAYASHI STRESSED THAT ANNOUNCEMENT OF TARGET DOES NOT CONSTITUTE OFFICIAL POLICY STATEMENT. RATHER FIGURE IS TARGET WHICH GOVT WILL USE IN URGING PRIVATE SECTOR, INCLUDING HOUSEHOLDS, AND GOVT BUREAUCRACY TO CUT USE OF ENERGY BY TEN PERCENT AND THIRTEEN PERCENT RESPECTIVELY.

3. AS FIRST STEP, MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY HAS SENT DETAILED QUESTIONNAIRES TO OVER 3,000 LARGE INDUSTRIAL FIRMS REQUESTING INFORMATION ON PLANS FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION. INFORMATION PROVIDED WILL SERVE AS BASIS FOR THREE MONTH ENERGY CONSERVATION CAMPAIGN SCHEDULED FOR FIRST QUARTER OF CALENDAR 1975 (REF A).

4. HIRABAYASHI ALSO ASSERTED THAT NEWS REPORTS THAT CABINET COMMITTEE OF ECONOMIC MINISTERS HAD DECIDED TO KEEP OIL IMPORTS AT 1973 LEVEL OF 288 MILLION KILOLITERS ARE ERRONEOUS. FIGURE MENTIONED BY COMMITTEE WAS "AROUND 290 MILLION KILOLITERS" AND WAS ARRIVED AT BY PROCESS DESCRIBED REF B.
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